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**PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
2:00 P.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 987, SD1
RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**TO THE HONORABLE ISAAC W. CHOY, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE LINDA ICHYAMA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 987, SD1, Relating To Post-Secondary Education. My name is Bobbi Lum-Mew, Program Administrator for the Department's Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program ("HPEAP"). HPEAP offers the following testimony in strong support of this bill.

Senate Bill No. 987, SD1 adds a new section to the Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Law to clarify that institutions may request an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), within fifteen days of

the receipt of a notification of denial or of intent to suspend or terminate any authorization.

The Department notes that Senate Bill No. 987, SD1 is very similar to House Bill No. 848 that was heard by this Committee on February 3, 2015 and passed unamended, and either bill is acceptable to the Department, except for the defective date in the current SD1 version of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Senate Bill No. 987, SD1.